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D^r Uncle

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I have been in search of you this two years since I left Ireland and I never could gain any though²⁰ information concerning you as I had forgot the Directions which you had sent to my Mother and at the time I left home Captain Richardson was in England and he had your letter I have been in the United States untill about 4 Months ago when I came to Canada I have made every enquiry since I came to Montreal and at last began to Despair of finding you untill I became acquaint a Lady in this town a M^{rs} Grant who by means of her Son in Law a Gentleman who lives in Kingston I have been informed where you lived and as you have been a long time in this Country of course you are much better acquainted with what place ~~business~~ my business would suit best and I take the opportunity of asking your advice in what manner it would be best for me to act in order to gain a livelihood my Trade is a Millwright and I have been two years Married but have not any children so that I should suppose if I had a chance of shewing my abilities

there would not be any danger of my making out
a living I could have done very well in the U States
and got great encouragement but on the War being
with great Britain every British Subject was obliged
to leave it or ~~otherwise~~ otherwise swear allegiance
to the Country which I did not ~~think~~ chuse to do
and as it was chiefly on your account I came to
America I did not much regret having to leave as
I allways intended one time or other to come here I was in
a very bad State of Health when I came to Montreal but
now I thank God I am quite recovered and am now working
to a Mr Gray about by Mules from Montreal I was once
before deceived in writing from New York to M. which make
me more cautious but from every information which I
can gain I believe you to be the person I am in search of
however if you should not be the gentleman I allude to
I hope you will excuse the Liberty I have taken and
allow me to subscribe myself your Humble S^t
Direct to Jacob Bell care of ^{Millwright} Jacob H. Bell
Mr Henry Forrest Montreal

Answered 6th Feb. 1813

Mr. William Wells

My dear
gentleman

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